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### Meetings this week:

**City Council, March 2, 7 p.m.**

Friday, February 26, 2016



Spring sports sign-ups will be held next week at the McConnell Center, pictured above.

## Spring sports sign-ups coming up at Dover Recreation

Dover Recreation will host sign-ups for spring sports at the McConnell Center cafeteria on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dover Baseball, Dover Youth Softball, Cocheco Lacrosse, Dover Youth Football, Dover Little Green Football, Dover Little Green Cheerleading will be available for sign-ups.

The spring sports sign-up flyer with more detailed information about each league can be [viewed here](#).

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.



The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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603-516-6000

**City Hall hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**  
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## City of Dover's spring sign clean-up begins March 14

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development will conduct a citywide clean-up of unpermitted, off-premise signs the week of March 14, 2016. Illegal and unpermitted signs include those on utility poles, trees or in the right-of-way.

With a few exceptions, off-premise signs are not permitted in Dover. Sign clean-ups are conducted in order to remove signs placed without permission, such as those often found attached to roadside trees and utility poles, or on the ground along roadsides. These signs may cause a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians, or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors.

Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, explains that another goal of the clean-up is to support those organizations with legal signage.

"Dover's sign regulations were created to balance the need for business identification, advertising, and communication with the need to protect safety and welfare and maintain an attractive appearance throughout the City," Piekut said. "Removing illegal signs helps to ensure that those who've followed these regulations know that their efforts to obtain permits are meaningful."

Owners are advised to remove any unpermitted signs prior to the clean-up, which begins the week of March 14. Confiscated signs will be held at City Hall for 30 days prior to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation fee based on the actual cost of man-hours and equipment use. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

Per state law, all political advertising for the New Hampshire primary-with the exception of advertising of candidates who were winners in the primary-should have been removed no later than the second Friday following the election, Feb. 19, 2016.

The clean-up will be the first conducted in 2016. Two clean-ups in 2015 resulted in the confiscation of 18 signs. The City's focus on enforcement of the ban on off-premise advertising began in 2010, when up to 80 signs could be confiscated on a quarterly basis.

For more information please contact Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at [e.piekut@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.piekut@dover.nh.gov).



## social with your City

Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.



## Learn the secrets to a toxic-free lawn at March workshop

Want to learn how to have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides? The City of Dover and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management on Thursday, March 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The workshop will focus on natural turf management, led by one of the nation's experts on lawn and turf care.

Attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

Speakers include Chip Osborne, president of Osborne Organics. Osborne has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist. Also attending is Drew Toher, public education associate at Beyond Pesticides, a national nonprofit seeking to protect health and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic pesticides.

[Register for this event by email here.](#) Registration will also be available the night of the event.

This session is free and open to residents of Dover and other communities in the Great Bay watershed.

For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 603-516-6023.

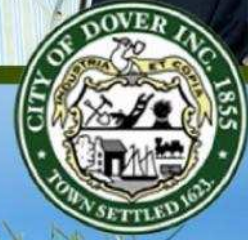
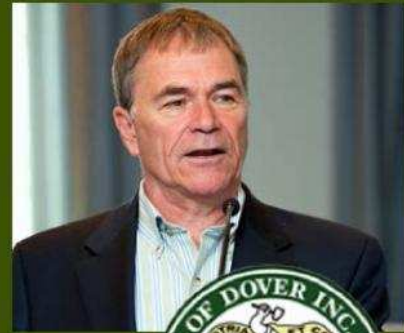


## Lawn Care Workshop

*Natural Lawn and Landscape Management in Dover, NH*

Thursday  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**McConnell Center**  
**Room 305**  
61 Locust Street  
Dover, NH 03820



Learn how you can have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides!

The City of Dover, NH and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management. The workshop will focus on a **Systems Approach to Natural Turf Management**, which integrates three concepts: an understanding of the soil and its biomass; sound management techniques; and the use of natural, organic products. All attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

*Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the nation's expert on lawn and turf care!*

#### Workshop Trainer:

**Chip Osborne**, president of Osborne Organics, has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist.

*This workshop is being held to promote the use of environmentally friendly lawn and garden care practices by residents and business owners within Dover and the Great Bay watershed area.*

## Dover Library to host free organic gardening course

The Dover Public Library is pleased to offer a free, comprehensive three-part organic gardening course on consecutive Monday nights, March 7, 14 and 21, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. in the Library's Lecture Hall. The course, totaling six hours over the three nights, will include practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, container gardening, cultural techniques during the growing season (such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and weed control), how plants and soil interact, succession planting, planting multiple crops in the same space at the same time, how to compost, crop rotation, cover cropping, and mycorrhizobials.

The sessions will also include discussions about our existing industrial food production system, including pesticides, genetically modified seeds, seed labeling and supplier concentration, globalization and famine, organic certification, and regulatory capture.

The instructor is Vincent Cirasole from Rochester. Cirasole



has taught physical education and organic gardening in New York before relocating to the Granite State in 2013. He is also a master gardener, a commercial vegetable grower, and organic growing enthusiast. Over a period of years, Cirasole developed this tri-part course which has proven to be fascinating and popular with students. Reference material and sources of additional information will be distributed to all participants at no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Interested gardeners may call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050 to sign up for the course, or register [online here](#).

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## Tri-City chambers to host legislative reception

The Greater Dover, Rochester and Somersworth chambers of commerce will present the 2016 Legislative Reception on Monday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

State, county and local officials representing the communities of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth have been invited to attend. The reception will provide Chamber members the opportunity to meet elected officials in a casual and relaxed setting.

Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This event is free to attend for members of the Greater Dover, Rochester and Somersworth chambers. The event is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, or to register, [click here](#).

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## Local "mentalist" to appear at Dover Public Library Feb. 29

Preston Heller, a.k.a., the "New Hampshire Mentalist", a native of Wilton, will be performing on Feb. 29, 2016, at the Dover Library. The family friendly show runs about 70 minutes and is geared toward an audience of ages 12 and up.

A mentalist reads minds, projects thoughts to others, divine information held secret, predict results, and much more.

Heller's 2016 show, "Well Guarded Secrets", involves a good deal of audience participation. Why? Because mentalism works best, and is most entertaining, when there is a spirit of cooperation between the mentalist and those in



attendance. The result is always a surprising experience for the attendees and is great fun for all present.

Enhanced psychic abilities, predictions, thought implantation, telekinesis, sixth sense, telepathy and even the occasional inexplicable physical illusion - this is what is on display. If you attend you will see all of this and more, up close and personal, but when you come, please remember - not even your most "Well Guarded Secrets" are safe. Are you up to the challenge?

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## City to hold informational meeting on Keating and Birchwood neighborhood improvements

As part of the City's Capital Improvements Plan, the Keating and Birchwood neighborhood is scheduled for roadway construction and improvements. This area consists of Hayes Lane, Keating Avenue, Renaud Avenue, Shamrock Lane, Birchwood Place and Emmet Road.

A neighborhood meeting about the project is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

The project includes upgrades to utilities, drainage improvements, streetscape improvements, sidewalks, and some traffic calming measures.

Engineered design plans for the project are expected later this year, with construction possibly beginning in the spring of 2017.

The neighborhood meeting is part of the preliminary design phase and is held to gather feedback and ideas from residents and community members.

The meeting will include a description of proposed improvements and time for questions and answers with project engineers and City staff.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

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## City of Dover seeks volunteers for Master Plan update



Wondering how you can help shape Dover's future? Volunteer to help guide the latest chapter of the City of Dover's Master Plan.

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are now seeking Dover residents interested in volunteering on a committee tasked with overseeing the development of the Stewardship of Resources chapter of the Master Plan. This new chapter will incorporate topics addressed in other chapters of the Master Plan, as well as new topics not in the Master Plan.

As part of the update, the Planning Board will create a Steering Committee to oversee the work and ensure ample opportunity for public participation. The Steering Committee will be comprised of five to seven members who will work closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City. The goal is to have a Steering Committee diverse in interests and areas of expertise. The process is scheduled to begin in March and take approximately six months.

The topics to be addressed in the Stewardship of Resources Chapter were identified during the comprehensive community-wide visioning process as part of its comprehensive master planning process in 2012. Specifically, the Stewardship of Resources Chapter will address the following topics: energy, natural resources, historic and cultural resources, coastal management, natural hazards and social capital.

The Master Plan, a blueprint for the City's future development, is updated every five to 10 years by the Planning Board. The Master Plan is designed to help a community meet change responsibly, guiding its growth in an orderly manner.

For more information, contact Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter at 603-516-6008 or [d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov). Those interested in serving on the Steering Committee are asked to respond by March 2, 2016.

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Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

McConnell Center Cafe  
61 Locust Street, Dover



Registration fee is \$15.00.  
Event is open to the public.

#### PRESENTERS



DR. ELAINE ARBOUR  
*Superintendent of  
Schools*



ANTHONY COLARUSSO  
*Chief of Police*



J. MICHAEL JOYAL, JR.  
*City Manager*



CHRIS PARKER  
*Assistant City Manager  
Planning and Strategic Initiatives*

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## Dover Chamber to host annual State of the City April 20

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Wednesday, April 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year's speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Assistant City Manager of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher Parker, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elaine Arbour.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is \$15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance by [clicking here](#). Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-



## Dover Main Street hosts 'Run Before You Crawl' March 12

Run, walk or crawl, but don't miss the opportunity to participate in the Dover Race Series 2016 kickoff event. Registration is now open for Dover Main Street's Run Before You Crawl 5K Race and Pub Crawl. This popular event will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.



The road race begins at 9:30 a.m. The Pub Crawl portion of the event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 5K road race begins and ends at the Dover Transportation Center. The Pub Crawl spans 14 participating downtown restaurants.

This year's event is underwritten by DF Richard and sponsored by Relyco, TrainRiders Northeast, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Federal Savings Bank and Holy Rosary Credit Union.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.runb4ucrawl.com](http://www.runb4ucrawl.com).



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



**March 2, 1674** - In choosing town officers this year, the town voted that Nicholas Hanson should "officiate no longer as a seller of pipe staves." The surveyor of highways for last year was to stand for this year.

**Feb. 25, 1804** - William Hurd and John Jones, for passing counterfeit ten dollar bills of the New Hampshire Bank, were sentenced by the Supreme Judicial Court, held in Dover, "to sit one hour in the pillory, pay a fine of \$200 each, and costs of prosecution, and to stand committed until sentence be performed."

**Feb. 26, 1828** - Publication of Dover Enquirer commences.

**March 1, 1858** - A public meeting in the Town Hall, at which the war with Mexico, the Texas question, and other matters were discussed by General Sam Houston and Horace Greeley.

**March 2, 1860** - Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, since known to the country as "the martyr President," addressed the Republicans of Dover on the politics of the day.



## City of Dover's online maps resource has new look, features

The City of Dover's online map resource has been updated for easier navigation and access.

Online maps contain a wide variety of public information, including wards and polling places, City Councilor contact information, elementary schools, points of interest, storm maintenance, trash day, zoning and more. Information can be added to a map by toggling layers on and off.

In addition, public property records by address are easily accessible, as well as a street view.



For more information and to access the maps, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/maps-prcs/index.html](http://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/maps-prcs/index.html). The maps can be accessed directly at [maps.dover.nh.gov](http://maps.dover.nh.gov).

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now hiring the following positions:

- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**
- **Account clerks**
- **Human Resources Director**
- **Systems Administrator**
- **Library maintenance mechanic**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Laborer: Facilities and Grounds**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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## Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and first-grade registration for children as follows:

- Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

### **Horne Street School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.



## Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

## Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary:** Thursday, April 7; Tuesday, April 12; and Thursday, April 14.
- **Horne Street and Woodman Park schools:** Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 21.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

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## Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.



For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



**City of Dover Boards and Commissions**

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.



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## Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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